



Boxhead Shiraz

South Australia - Australia 2014

Research suggests a collaboration between square shaped skulls and the production of the finest produce. The squarer the head, the better the wine. But why so many boxhead wine makers in the wine growing regions of South Australia? A defective gene has mutated over the generations, pumping brain-altering chemicals into the air for pure government global domination. We may never know, but what we do is this; these wines are delicious and represent great value!

The aim is to produce a range of wines from South Australia that display all of the flavors the region can deliver at a price that won't break the bank. Former Red Heads Wine Studio captain in charge, Steve Grimley left Red Heads a few years back and started Loom Wines. Here he has access to more toys and vines than he had at Red Heads and still gets to be the big kid in the sandbox throwing his weight (figuratively) around obtaining prime sites throughout SA.

2014 was a challenging vintage for any grower to get a solid handle on. It was equally as trying for a winemaker to determine pick dates. A wet winter really helped to save an unexpected blazing hot and dry spring. This led to a rainy and cool start to the summer, compounded by three weeks of heat. Thankfully this dry heat naturally dried out the grapes and the result is were evenly ripe grapes with little rot and mildew problems.

This wine has generally drunk well above its price point and the 2013 offering is no different. McLaren Vale provides the base for the wine with plenty of cocoa powder (not going into chocolaty notes) and brambly red fruits; this is balanced by some cool fruit from Langhorne Creek bringing a mint infused blackberry cocktail.

All parcels were crushed, destemmed and left on skins for approximately 13 days during primary ferment. The parcels were then pressed and kept separate for malolactic fermentation. As always, the profile of this wine is more about finesse than power. It continues to over deliver for its price and offers a much more serious than slurpy wine.

Composition

100% Shiraz

Vineyards

Four sites: Three in McLaren Vale – One in Langhorne Creek

Élevage

11 months: 90% Stainless Steel - 10% Twice Used Barrique

Production

7,500 cases

Tasting Notes

“ A blast of black and red fruit shows itself immediately followed by a faint touch of mint and cracked black pepper. It is juicy but not gooey. There is a tangy mineral note keeping the palate fresh and bright. It is quite complex for its price and showcases subtle tannins and a long, elegant finish. ”

Reviews

None